



## The Preservation Process – What is the Neighborhood Preservation Program?

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The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) is designed to provide municipalities and families the funds and technical support they need to preserve their neighborhoods and homes.

### Who is eligible?

Municipalities are eligible for NPP if their designated neighborhood meets the program's "threatened, but viable" criteria. This criteria means that a neighborhood is beginning to decline, but can be restored, and once revitalized, it can again contribute to the neighborhood's vitality and charm.

### What is the process?

Towns are chosen through a competitive application process and are awarded grants or loans over a three to five-year period. The towns then work with targeted neighborhoods and/or families to preserve and revitalize their properties.

### What can the funds be used for?

The funds are flexible and can be used for just about anything that contributes to preserving and/or revitalizing a neighborhood, including:

- Administrative costs
- Community planning
- Housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, related commercial revitalization
- Educational, self-help activities, neighborhood organization
- Demolition, site clearance, property acquisition
- Limited infrastructure and public facility improvements in conjunction with the neighborhood's preservation

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DCA's Division of Housing and Community Resources is committed to building neighborhoods. Working with nonprofit organizations, municipalities, private developers and the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), the Division is responsible for grant and loan programs that promote economic and community development through housing and other support services.



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Welcome  
To The  
Neighborhood!

## The Neighborhood Preservation Program



## Greetings from Governor McGreevey and Commissioner Levin

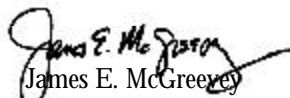
Through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP), New Jersey welcomes you to our neighborhood by providing assistance to preserve and revitalize our towns.


NPP was an early planning principle of what we call Smart Growth today. The NPP program began in 1975 with the passing of the Maintenance of Viable Neighborhoods Act, which established a program of grants to encourage and promote the social and economic strengthening of New Jersey's neighborhoods. Since then, a number of additional programs have been established to complement and work with NPP to bring our neighborhoods back to their original glory.

The redevelopment of our neighborhoods is a critical aspect of New Jersey's larger effort to encourage smart growth development and we want to work with you to develop innovative ideas and partnerships to facilitate our shared goals.

Through Smart Growth, NPP and other preservation programs, we are creating a sound future for our state by recognizing that our neighborhoods are a link to our past and a promise for our future. And we must all work together to ensure their success.

We hope you utilize the resources outlined here and welcome more and more people to our neighborhood.

  
James E. McGreevey  
Governor

  
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# Neighboring Programs

*The following programs can work with NPP to further help neighborhood revitalization efforts.*

## HOME

Home is where the heart is! And the HOME - Neighborhood Preservation program provides financial assistance so communities and homeowners alike can preserve and revitalize their homes and neighborhoods. Specifically, the program provides financial assistance to NPP municipalities to rehabilitate single-family properties.

For more information, call (609) 633-6283.

## Home Maintenance Program

Watching home improvement shows is nothing compared to 'doing it yourself' through NPP's Home Maintenance Program. This program teaches residents in NPP towns home maintenance skills - and they learn from the professionals in a real classroom setting. Prevention is half the battle and a major role in preservation.

For more information, call (609) 633-6283.

## Adopt-a-Neighborhood

What better way to help a town revitalize than to "adopt" them and offer the support and guidance they need. This program provides technical assistance to private sponsors and local, non-state entities to identify and implement revitalization projects in the communities they adopt.

For more information, call (609) 292-3796.

## Main Street New Jersey

Remember when shopping meant a trip downtown and you knew the merchants by name? The Main Street New Jersey program makes that a reality again in villages, towns and cities across the state. The program provides technical assistance so that communities can make their business districts shine, and it creates a sense of place where residents can live, work and shop in the comfort of a quaint downtown.

For more information, call (609) 633-6266.

## Special Business Improvement Districts

This program breathes new life into our downtowns and neighborhood business centers. The Special Business Improvement Districts program provides technical assistance to municipalities that are interested in creating a strengthened business center and preserving their surrounding neighborhoods and downtown districts.

For more information, call (609) 633-6272.

## Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing

All over New Jersey, we are revitalizing our neighborhoods and downtowns, creating affordable homes for families and seniors to enjoy. Balanced housing funds are available to municipalities to build new housing and preserve existing housing for families with low and moderate incomes. Through this program, developers and nonprofit organizations partner with communities to provide rental and home ownership opportunities for New Jersey's citizens.

For more information call, (609) 292-6140.

## Small Cities Community Development Block Grants

From renovating housing to building community centers, the Small Cities program helps qualified towns provide a better life for their residents. Funds are available to help businesses expand, create new jobs and contribute the neighborhood's financial stability. This broad-based program targets resources where they truly make a difference.

For more information, call (609) 633-6278.

